

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This program appears to be an partisan info-mercial that seeks to circumvent federal election laws by passing itself off as "drama" and failing to identify the financial sources.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

The Bush administration (2001-2004) has supported regulations allowing media giants to control a larger share of the airwaves. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you, Mary Loftfield